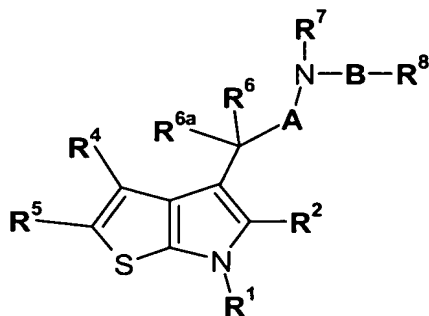


In the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listings of claims:

1. (Original) A compound of Formula (I),

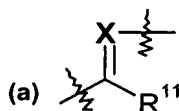


Formula (I)

wherein

A represents a direct bond or optionally substituted C₁₋₅alkylene;

B is a group of Formula (II):



Formula (II);

wherein at position (a) Formula (II) is attached to the nitrogen atom and the group X is attached to R⁸;

R¹ represents hydrogen; optionally substituted C₁₋₈alkyl; or (CH₂)_b-R^a,

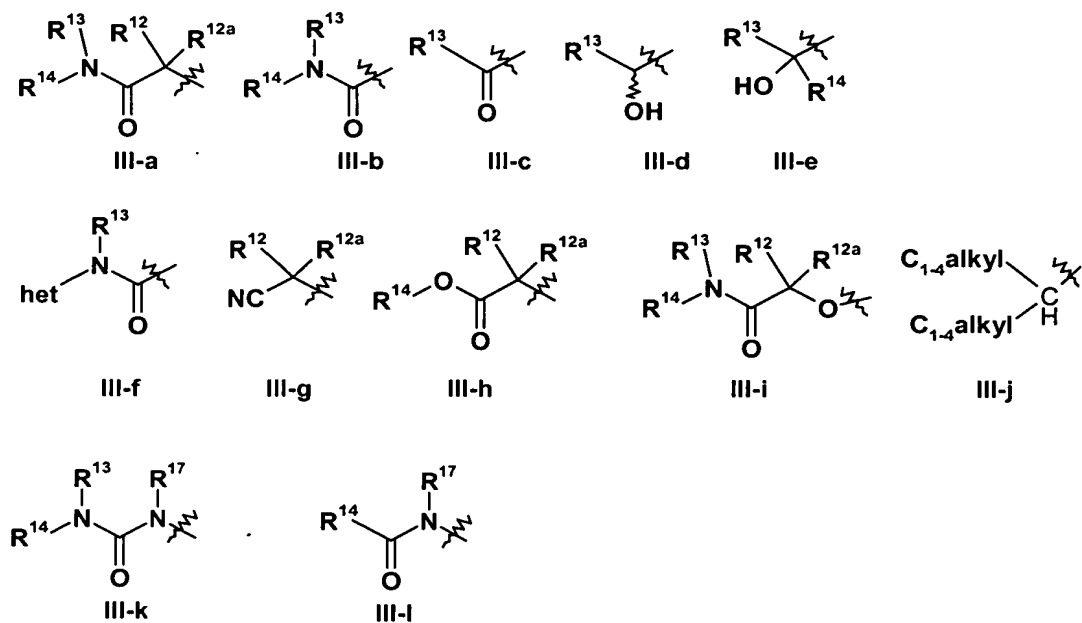
wherein R^a represents C₃₋₈cycloalkyl and b is zero or an integer from 1 to 6;

R² represents an optionally substituted mono- or bi-cyclic aromatic ring structure wherein the optional substituents are selected from cyano, NR³R^{3a}, optionally substituted C₁₋₈alkyl, optionally substituted C₁₋₈alkoxy or halo;

R^3 and R^{3a} are independently selected from hydrogen; optionally substituted C_{1-8} alkyl and optionally substituted aryl;

R^4 is hydrogen;

R^5 is selected from an optionally substituted 3- to 8- membered heterocyclic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from O, N and S; or a group of formula **III-a**; **III-b**; **III-c**; **III-d**; **III-e**; **III-f**, **III-g** , **III-h**, **III-i**, **III-j**, **III-k** or **III-l**;



wherein **het** represents an optionally substituted 3- to 8- membered heterocyclic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from O, N and S;

R^6 and R^{6a} , are independently selected from hydrogen and optionally substituted C_{1-8} alkyl; or R^6 and R^{6a} together represent carbonyl;

R^7 represents hydrogen or optionally substituted C_{1-8} alkyl;

or R^6 —**A**— N — R^7 together form an optionally substituted 3- to 8- membered heterocyclic ring containing from 1 to 3 further heteroatoms

independently selected from O, N and S, and R^{6a} represents hydrogen and optionally substituted C_{1-8} alkyl;

X and R^8 are selected from:

- (i) X represents N and R^8 is selected from:
cyano, hydrogen, hydroxy, $-O-R^b$, $-C(O)-R^b$, $-NR^bR^c$, $-C(O)O-R^b$, $-CONR^bR^c$ or $NH-C(O)-R^b$, where R^b and R^c are independently selected from hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy, amino, $N-C_{1-4}$ alkylamino, N,N -di- C_{1-4} alkylamino, $HO-C_{2-4}$ alkyl-NH- or $HO-C_{2-4}$ alkyl- $N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)-;
- (ii) X represents CH and R^8 represents NO_2 ; and
- (iii) $=X-R^8$ represents $=O$;

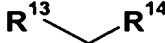
R^{11} is a group of the formula: $N(R^9R^{10})$ wherein R^9 represents hydrogen, optionally substituted aryl, an optionally substituted 3- to 10 membered heterocyclic ring or optionally-substituted C_{1-8} alkyl and R^{10} represents hydrogen or optionally substituted C_{1-8} alkyl; or

the structure $N(R^9R^{10})$ represents an optionally-substituted 3- to 10 membered heterocyclic ring optionally containing from 1 to 3 further heteroatoms independently selected from O, N and S;

R^{12} and R^{12a} are independently selected from hydrogen or optionally substituted C_{1-8} alkyl; or R^{12} and R^{12a} together with the carbon to which they are attached form an optionally substituted 3 to 7-membered cycloalkyl ring;

R^{13} and R^{14} are selected from:

- (i) R^{13} is selected from hydrogen; optionally substituted C_{1-8} alkyl; optionally substituted aryl; $-R^d$ -Ar, where R^d represents C_{1-8} alkylene and Ar represents optionally substituted aryl; and optionally substituted 3- to 8- membered heterocyclic ring optionally containing from 1 to 3 further heteroatoms independently selected from O, N and S; and R^{14} is selected from hydrogen; optionally substituted C_{1-8} alkyl and optionally substituted aryl;

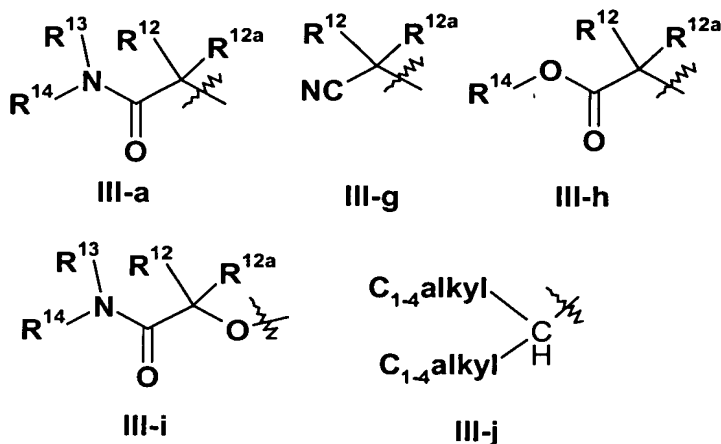
- (ii) where R^5 represents a group of formula **III-a**, **III-b**, **III-i** or **III-k**, then the group $NR^{13}(-R^{14})$ represents an optionally substituted 3- to 8-membered heterocyclic ring optionally containing from 1 to 3 further heteroatoms independently selected from O, N and S; or
- (iii) where R^5 represents structure **III-e**, then the group  represents an optionally substituted 3- to 8- membered heterocyclic ring optionally containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from O, N and S;
 R^{17} is selected from: hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl;
 or a salt, pro-drug or solvate thereof.
2. (Original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R^9 represents hydrogen, optionally substituted aryl, an optionally substituted 3- to 10 membered heterocyclic ring or optionally-substituted C_{1-8} alkyl and R^{10} represents hydrogen or optionally substituted C_{1-8} alkyl wherein the optional substituents on aryl, the heterocyclic ring and C_{1-8} alkyl are selected from: hydroxy, amino, nitro, cyano, optionally-substituted aryl, optionally substituted 3- to 8- membered heterocyclyl containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from O, N and S, $-O-R^b$, $C(O)NR^bR^c$, $-NR^bR^c$, $-NR^cC(O)-R^b$, $-C(O)NR^bR^c$, $-NR^cS(O_{0-2})R^b$, $-S(O_{0-2})R^b$, wherein R^b and R^c are as defined in Claim 1.
3. (Original) A compound according to Claim 2 wherein R^9 is a C_{1-6} alkyl group substituted by pyridyl, thienyl, piperidinyl, imidazolyl, triazolyl, thiazolyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, imidazoliny, benztriazolyl, benzimidazolyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, oxazolyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, 1,3-dioxolanyl or 2-azetiny, each of which is optionally substituted as defined in Claim 2.

4. (Original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein the structure $N(R^9R^{10})$ represents an optionally-substituted 3- to 10 membered heterocyclic ring optionally containing from 1 to 3 further heteroatoms independently selected from O, N and S.

5. (Original) A compound according to Claim 4 wherein the 3- to 10 membered heterocyclic ring is optionally substituted by one of more groups selected from R^{15} wherein
 R^{15} represents the group $R^{15a}-Z-$ wherein
 R^{15a} is selected from optionally substituted aryl, an optionally substituted 3- to 10 membered heterocyclic ring or optionally substituted C_{1-4} alkyl and
 Z is selected from a direct bond, $-(CH_2)_{s1}-$, $-(CH_2)_{s1}-O-(CH_2)_{s2}-$,
 $-(CH_2)_{s1}-C(O)-(CH_2)_{s2}-$, $-(CH_2)_{s1}-S(O_n)-(CH_2)_{s2}-$, $-(CH_2)_{s1}-N(R^{18})-(CH_2)_{s2}-$,
 $-(CH_2)_{s1}-C(O)N(R^{18})-(CH_2)_{s2}-$, $-(CH_2)_{s1}-N(R^{18})C(O)-(CH_2)_{s2}-$,
 $-(CH_2)_{s1}-N(R^{18})C(O)N(R^{18})-(CH_2)_{s2}-$, $-(CH_2)_{s1}-OC(O)-(CH_2)_{s2}-$,
 $-(CH_2)_{s1}-C(O)O-(CH_2)_{s2}-$, $-(CH_2)_{s1}-N(R^{18})C(O)O-(CH_2)_{s2}-$,
 $-(CH_2)_{s1}-OC(O)N(R^{18})-(CH_2)_{s2}-$, $-(CH_2)_{s1}-OS(O_n)-(CH_2)_{s2}-$, or
 $-(CH_2)_{s1}-S(O_n)-O-(CH_2)_{s2}-$, $-(CH_2)_{s1}-S(O)_2N(R^{18})-(CH_2)_{s2}-$,
 $-(CH_2)_{s1}-N(R^{18})S(O)_2-(CH_2)_{s2}-$; wherein
the $-(CH_2)_{s1}-$ and $-(CH_2)_{s2}-$ groups are independently optionally substituted by hydroxy or C_{1-4} alkyl and $s1$ and $s2$ are independently an integer from 0 to 2, wherein $s1+s2$ is less than or equal to 2 and
 R^{18} is selected from hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl;
wherein the optional substituents on aryl, a heterocyclic ring or C_{1-4} alkyl are selected from: hydroxy, amino, nitro, cyano, optionally-substituted aryl, optionally substituted 3- to 8- membered heterocyclyl containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from O, N and S, $-O-R^g$, $-C(O)-R^g$, $-C(O)NR^gR^h$, $--NR^gR^h$, $-NR^hC(O)-R^g$, $-C(O)NR^gR^h$, $-NR^hS(O_{0-2})R^g$, $-S(O_{0-2})R^g$, wherein R^g and R^h are independently selected from: heterocyclyl, hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy, amino,

N-C₁₋₄alkylamino, N,N-di-C₁₋₄alkylamino, HO-C₂₋₄alkyl-NH- or HO-C₂₋₄alkyl-N(C₁₋₄alkyl)-.

6. (Original) A compound according to Claim 5, wherein Z is selected from a direct bond or carbonyl.
7. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein R⁵ is selected from a group of formula III-a, III-g, III-h, III-i or III-j:

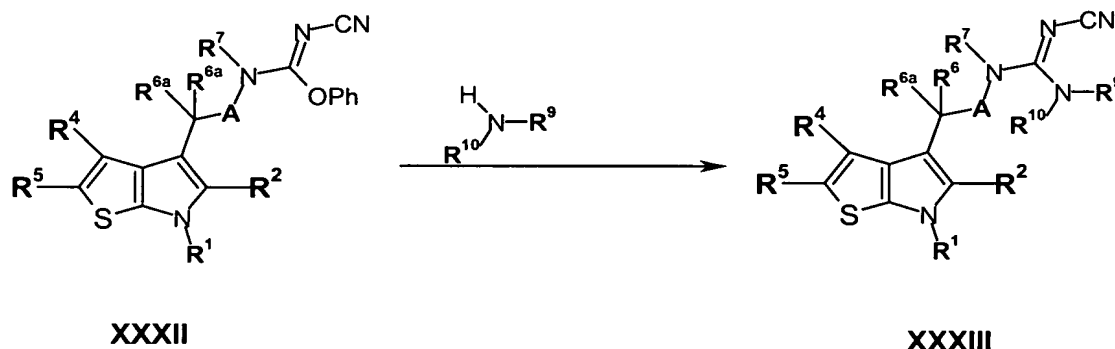


8. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein:
 - (a) X represents N and R⁸ represents cyano or -C(O)O-R^b; wherein R^b is as defined in Claim 1, or
 - (b) X represents N and R⁸ represents hydrogen.
9. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein R² is selected from an optionally substituted monocyclic aromatic ring structure wherein the optional substituents are selected from cyano, NR^eR^f, optionally substituted C₁₋₈alkyl, optionally

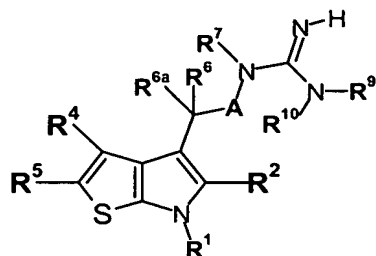
substituted C₁₋₈alkoxy or halo wherein R^e and R^f are independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl or aryl.

10. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 ~~any one of the~~ preceding claims wherein R¹ is hydrogen.
11. (Original) A compound selected from:
- 2-(1,1-dimethyl-2-oxo-2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-7-ylethyl)-4-[1S-methyl-2-(N'-isopropoxycarbonyl-3-pyrid-4-yl-pyrrolidin-1-ylcarboximidamido) ethyl]-5-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)--6*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]pyrrole;
- 2-(1,1-dimethyl-2-oxo-2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-7-ylethyl)-4-[2-(N'-isopropoxycarbonyl-3-pyrid-4-yl-pyrrolidin-1-ylcarboximidamido) ethyl]-5-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)--6*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]pyrrole;
- 2-(2-pyrrolidin-1-yl-1,1-dimethyl-2-oxoethyl)-4-[1S-methyl-2-(N'-isopropoxycarbonyl-3-pyrid-4-yl-pyrrolidin-1-ylcarboximidamido) ethyl]-5-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)--6*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]pyrrole;
- 2-(1,1-dimethyl-2-oxo-2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-7-ylethyl)-4-[1S-methyl-2-(N'-isopropoxycarbonyl-4-tetrahydropyran-4-yl-piperidin-1-ylcarboximidamido)ethyl]-5-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)--6*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]pyrrole;
- 2-(1,1-dimethyl-2-oxo-2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-7-ylethyl)-4-[1S-methyl-2-(3-pyrid-4-yl-pyrrolidin-1-ylcarbonyl)ethyl]-5-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)--6*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]pyrrole;
- 2-(1,1-dimethyl-2-oxo-2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-7-ylethyl)-4-[1S-methyl-2-(N'-ethoxycarbonyl-3-pyrid-4-yl-pyrrolidin-1-ylcarboximidamido) ethyl]-5-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)--6*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]pyrrole;
- or a salt, pro-drug or solvate thereof.

12. (Cancelled)
13. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical formulation comprising a compound, or salt, pro-drug or solvate thereof, according to claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 11~~ and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.
14. (Currently amended) A method of antagonising gonadotropin releasing hormone activity, the method comprising administering ~~Use of a compound~~ according to claim 1, or salt, pro-drug or solvate thereof, to a patient. ~~according to any one of Claims 1 to 11, in the manufacture of a medicament for administration to a patient, for therapeutically treating and/or preventing a sex hormone related condition in the patient.~~
15. (Currently amended) A process of producing a compound, or salt, pro-drug or solvate thereof, according to claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 11~~, wherein the process comprises a reaction step selected from any one of steps (a) to (f):-
- (a) Reaction of a compound of formula **XXXII** as follows

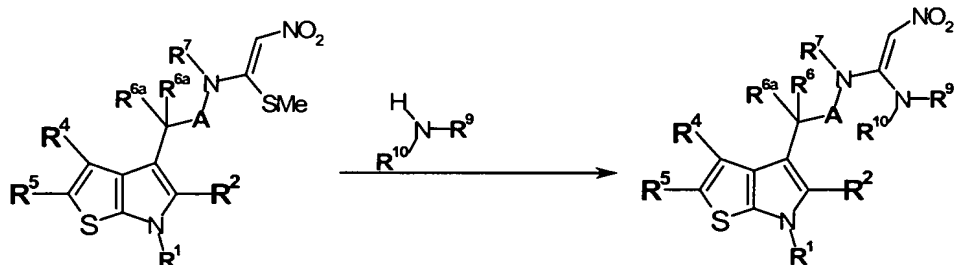


- (b) Cleavage of the cyano group of a compound of formula **XXXIII** in the presence of acid to produce a compound of formula **XXXIV**



XXXIV

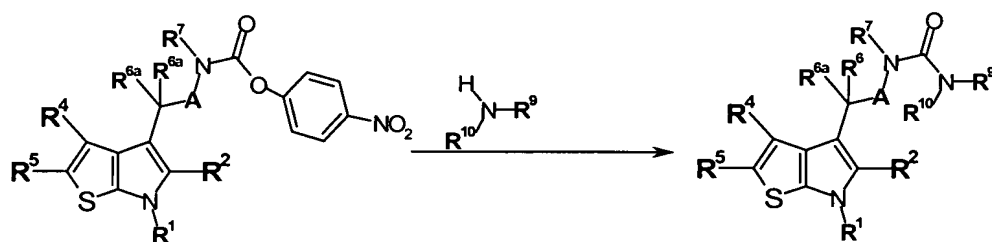
- (c) Reaction of a compound of formula **XXXV** as follows



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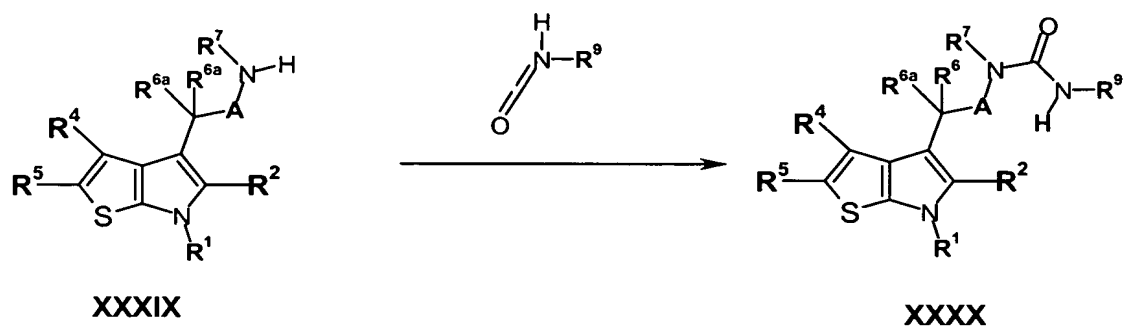
- (d) Reaction of a compound of formula **XXXVII** as follows



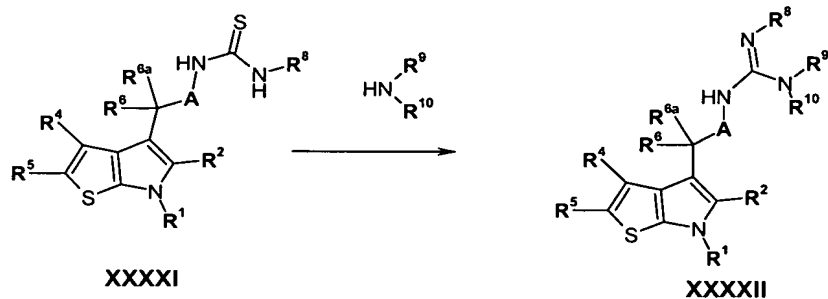
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- (e) Reaction of a compound of formula **XXXIX** as follows



(f) to form a compound wherein X is nitrogen and Reaction of a compound of formula XXXXI as follows



and thereafter if necessary:

- i) converting a compound of the Formula (I) into another compound of the Formula (I);
- ii) removing any protecting groups;
- iii) forming a salt, pro-drug or solvate.